

Academic Information

Class Attendance

Regular class attendance is expected of all students enrolled in the College. Registered students and those on the waitlist are required to attend the first meeting of each class. **STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ATTEND ALL CLASS MEETINGS FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS MAY BE DROPPED BY THE INSTRUCTOR.**

Course Repetition

Certain courses are repeatable (see college catalog for details) Other courses may be repeated once for credit at BC if a grade lower than “C” or its equivalent has been earned and for a second upon submission of an approved petition. After completion of the repeated courses, a petition to have the new grade count may be filed at the Office of Admissions and Records.

Probation/Disqualification

Students who have been placed on academic or progress probation or readmitted after academic or progress disqualification must see their counselors prior to registration.

Adding Classes

Students may enroll in open classes or add to waitlists, without instructor approval, through the first week of instruction. Students may add to waitlists of classes with spaces during the first week of class, but instructors may drop them if they do not attend the first class.

Dropping Classes

Following registration, students may withdraw from any class in which they no longer wish to be enrolled by using the web registration system. **(Non-attendance or non-payment does not release the student from his responsibility and may result in failing grades being awarded).**

Open-Entry Classes

The college offers some open entry classes that allow students to enroll throughout the semester and complete the work at their own pace. (see college website BakersfieldCollege.edu for more information.)

Graduation

Students must complete candidacy for graduation petitions at the beginning of the semester in which they plan to graduate. Filing periods for graduation candidacy petitions are: August 1 through November 1 for December graduation, January 1 through April 1 for May graduation, April 1 through May 5 for August graduates who wish to participate in the May ceremony, and April 1 through June 15 for August graduation. Applications are available in the Counseling Center, Supportive Service Office or EOP&S office. Students must verify their eligibility to graduate with a counselor or academic advisor and submit a What-If degree audit with the petition.

The office of Admissions and Records notifies students who do not qualify within twelve weeks of submission of the graduation petition. Students who do not receive such notification should assume that they will graduate if they satisfactorily complete their current term courses.

Commencement ceremonies are held once each year in May. Students who complete their degree requirements during summer, fall, or spring immediately prior to commencement and those who are enrolled in courses to complete them in summer session immediately following the ceremony are eligible to participate.

Other Information

Who can enroll at Bakersfield College?

Bakersfield College welcomes you to enroll if you are a high school graduate or have passed the GED or CHSPE test. If you're not a high school graduate, you may attend if you are at least 18 years old. High school students may take classes at BC on a seats-available basis with permission from a parent and your high school principal.

You may find information on the college website about:

- The college's Prerequisite/Matriculation Challenge process,
- Privacy Act policy,
- Final Exam Schedule
- Orientation and Assessment dates.

Selective Service Requirement

All males 18-25 years of age must register with Selective Service in accordance with the Federal Military Selective Service Act. Any person subject to this law must be registered with Selective Service in order to receive any student financial aid.

Special Assistance

The Supportive Services office can be contacted at 395-4334 for assistance with disabilities. The college operator can assist Spanish-speaking individuals at 395-4011 by pressing “O”.

College Vision

The diverse communities we serve will trust Bakersfield College with their most precious resource...People. Our standards of education and service will earn that trust. Our values will be evident in all that we do.

College Mission

With its heritage as a foundation and an eye toward the future, Bakersfield College provides the high quality education necessary for our socially and ethically diverse students--whether they be vocational, transfer-oriented, developmental, or some combination of these--to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

We will accomplish our mission by:

- Establishing strong connections with our students and business communities
- Understanding the needs of our diverse student population
- Responding to student and community needs with efficiency and flexibility
- Honoring our heritage of community involvement
- Remaining vigilant in scanning our present and future environment within which we operate
- Promoting tolerance and patience with all of our stakeholders